

Today's
Advertisements.

VICTORIA CHAPTER.

A REGULAR CONVOCAION of the above CHAPTER will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, ZETLAND STREET, THIS EVENING, the 20th inst., at 8 for 8.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Companions are cordially invited to attend.
Hongkong, 20th April, 1897. [615]

NOTICE.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 24th April, at 3 o'clock P.M., at the ROOMS of the CHAMBER, CURRY HALL, for the purpose of electing the Report of the Committee and passing the Secretary's Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1896.

R. CHATTERTON WILCOX,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 20th April, 1897. [646]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

BY order of the OFFICIAL ADMINISTRATOR the Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION

ON TUESDAY, the 27th day of April, 1897, commencing at 2.30 P.M., at his SALEROOM, DUNDRELL STREET, SUNDRY JEWELLERY belonging to the ESTATE of the Late NORBERTO J. GOMES & S. HEAVESMAN, Consisting—

DIAMOND, RUBY & EMERALD RINGS, PEARL SCARF-RING AND BROOCH, LADY'S GOLD WATCH, LADIES' AND GENTS' GOLD WATCH-CHAINS, GOLD NECKLACE, BROOCHES, EARRINGS, PENDANTS, LOCKETS, HAIR-PINS and STUPEES.

Also at the same time, ONE GOLD WATCH, CHAIN AND PENCIL, by JOHN NOBLE, belonging to the ESTATE of the Late LOUIS GRUNAUER.

TERMS OF SALE: As by Auctioneer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 20th April, 1897. [647]

YOKOHAMA.

CLAUSEN'S HOTEL,
66, MAIN STREET, 66.

MODERATE CHARGES.

C. B. CLAUSEN,
Proprietor.

Yokohama, 6th April, 1897. [648]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW AND SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship

"KWILIN," Captain Harris, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 21st inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 20th April, 1897. [649]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"NAMO," Captain Hall, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 22nd inst., at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 20th April, 1897. [645]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship

"WHAMPOA," Captain Vaughan, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 22nd inst., at 2 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 20th April, 1897. [644]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"GLAUCUS," Captain Barwell, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 22nd inst., at 2 P.M.

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Hongkong, 20th April, 1897. [644]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"MENLAUS," Captain Towell, will be despatched as above on SUNDAY, the 22nd inst., at Daylight.

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Hongkong, 20th April, 1897. [649]

AN APPEAL.

THE SUPERIORESS of the ITALIAN CONVENT, CAINE ROAD, begs most respectfully to APPEAL to the Residents of Hongkong and the Canal Ports, for their kind patronage and support, and desires to state that she will be pleased to receive orders for all kinds of NEEDLE WORK.

Gentlemen's Shirts made to order, and Cuffs and Collars renewed on old ones.

Ladies' and Children's Under-clothing, Children's Dresses, and all kinds of Embroidery, Materials can be supplied, if required.

The Superiress will also be most grateful for any PARVA, or old ENVELOPES to be made into Books for the Children of the Poor Schools, who are taught by the Sisters.

Hongkong, 20th April, 1897. [610]

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & COMPANY,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.

SODA WATER.

LEMONADE.

GINGER ALE.

SARSAPARILLA.

RASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are made under the constant supervision of a duly qualified English Chemist and will bear comparison with the best English Manufactures.

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Any complaints should be addressed to the Manager.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [1379a]

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Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor" and not to individual members of the staff.

Communications intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication, but as evidence of good faith.

Whilst the columns of the Hongkong Telegraph will always be open for the fair discussion by correspondents of all questions affecting public interests, it must be distinctly understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions thus expressed.

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Advertisers are requested to forward all notices intended for insertion in that day's issue not later than 10 o'clock so as to be returned the early publication of the paper.

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The Purest Ingredients only are used, and the utmost Care and Cleanliness exercised in the Manufacture throughout.

The Water used is proved by repeated Analyses to be Absolutely Pure.

For COAST PORTS, Waters are packed and placed on board ship at Hongkong prices, and the full amount allowed for Packages and Empties when received in good order.

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The following is a List of Waters always kept ready in Stock—

PURE AERATED WATER,

SODA WATER,

LEMONADE,

POTASH WATER,

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LITHIA WATER,

SARSAPARILLA WATER,

TONIC WATER,

GINGER ALE,

GINGERADE.

No Credit given for Bottles that look dirty or greasy, or that appear to have been used for any other purpose than that of containing Aerated Waters, as such Bottles are never used again by us.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 13th April, 1897. [6]

BIRTHS.
On the 9th inst., at 106, Bluff, Yokohama, the wife of C. H. FRANK, of a daughter.
At Ardva, Chelso, on the 9th inst., the wife of W. GARDNER, of a daughter.
MARRIAGE.
On the 10th inst., at the Union Protestant Church, Kobe, by the Rev. H. J. Foss, M.A., FRIDRICK JOHN, son of R. C. BARNES, Esq., of Ipswich, England, to MINNIE ALBERTA, elder daughter of G. J. PENNEY, Esq., of Kobe.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 1897.

WAR.

War has been formally declared by Turkey against Greece, and justifiably so, as Greece has, in fact, for some time past been actually waging war against Turkey. Her invasion of Crete was an act of open war. Her action in firing on Turkish transports going from one Turkish port to another was an act of war, and the crossing of the Turkish frontier by an armed levy, whether forming a portion of the regular forces of the Grecian Kingdom or not, was a hostile act. That irregular force has been driven back, according to the admissions of the Greeks themselves, and if the two countries could be left to fight the battle out to the bitter end without interference, the result of the war and of that first movement of the opposing forces would be identical—the Greeks would be hopelessly beaten. We do not say that Turkey could ever re-conquer and re-annex Greece. That is impossible; but the Turks, either on land or afloat, are more powerful than the Greeks and must win in the long run.

A Turkish army is by no means to be despised, as those who fought at Plevna and throughout the last Russo-Turkish war in 1877-8 can testify; and the recent events in the East have done very much towards stirring up the fanatical spirit and the fighting blood of the entire Muslim population. But the quarrel cannot for any length of time be confined to a duel between the opposing forces. There is a large Greek population throughout Macedonia and disturbances and massacres, now of the one race, now of the other, are sure to occur here and there. Montenegro, Serbia, and Bulgaria have each something to gain and each something to lose by availing themselves of the opportunity to attack and plunder the Turk and despoil him of his territory. Each of these small Powers is so jealous of the other that there will be a struggle between them to see who shall strike the first blow; who shall have the first hand in the political grab-bag; and Russia stands behind all of them, stirring them up by her secret agents, supplying them with money and arms and appeasing their fears by promises of immunity, and ready when the occasion serves to interpose in force, not, of course, for the purpose of securing any advantage to herself, but solely in the interests of humanity and to preserve order! If Russia moves forward either by sea or by land—and that will, probably, be the next move we shall hear of—Austria in self defence must arm and be prepared at least to move forward on Salonika. After years of effort to preserve the peace at any sacrifice war is again being waged on the continent of Europe, and the worst anticipations of political prophets seem to be on the point of realisation.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Her Majesty's Minister to Peking met the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday morning at the City Hall and discussed matters generally. He was interviewed by the Committee of the Hongkong Branch of the China Association this morning at about the same hour and an Address, of which we publish a copy in another column, was presented to him on behalf of the Members of the Branch. At the entertainment given in Sir CLAUDE MACDONALD'S honour just twelve months ago in the Hongkong Hotel, Mr. HENDERSON, in replying to the toast of "The China Association," expressed the belief of the community in the new Minister and their full assurance that they would in short time have to congratulate him on some striking diplomatic success. Mr. HENDERSON was a true prophet. Sir CLAUDE MACDONALD, in obtaining from the Chinese Government the recent very precise declarations on the Transit Pass question and in carrying through and completing the negotiations for the opening of the West River, has done more in twelve months than was done by his predecessors in office in twelve years, and when the Convention to which, in February last, he put his signature is made public, we will probably find that in other directions, notably on the Burmah frontier, he has done as much or more for his country than in Kwang-tung and Kwang-si. Of course much of the success recently attained at Peking is due to the more resolute attitude taken up by our Government at home in all questions of foreign policy and to the more definite instructions given to the Minister; but much, very much, is also due to the tact, patience, and determination of Sir CLAUDE himself. We congratulate him.

Without any violation of secrecy we may say that it is Sir CLAUDE MACDONALD'S intention to repeat his visit to the ports

and to Hongkong annually during his tenure of office in Peking. Viceroy and Governors of provinces will, probably, be found very much more amenable to reason when interviewed by Her Majesty's Minister in person than when it is only a Consul that approaches them, and much more can be effected in a few minutes' conversation face to face than by a voluminous correspondence carried on between the remote ends of the Empire and extending over long periods of time. For one thing, nearly all possibilities of misunderstandings, either wilful or unintentional, are removed.

Mr. FULLERTON HENDERSON'S absence from the Colony—he is the local Secretary of the Hongkong Branch of the China Association—and the interposition of the holidays rendered it, we are informed, a little difficult to communicate with all the members of the Association in good time, and get their signatures to the Address, and prevented a greater publicity being given to the movement, but all have now signed who are in Hongkong and concur in the desire to do honour to Sir CLAUDE MACDONALD.

TELEGRAMS.

REUTERS' MESSAGES.

THE EASTERN CRISIS.

WAR AT LAST!

LONDON, April 18th.
Turkey has declared war against Greece, has recalled her Minister from Athens, and handed passports to the Greek Minister at Constantinople.

Fighting has commenced along the whole line. The Turkish batteries at Preveza have sunk a Greek steamer, and the Greek flotilla is now bombarding Preveza.

MORE FIGHTING ON THE FRONTIER.

Four hours fighting took place on Friday near Nizaz between Turkish and Greek regulars in which artillery was employed.

(From L'Avantur du Tonkin.)

THE WAR IN THE PHILIPPINES.

PARIS, April 18th.
Eleven thousand of the insurgents have tendered their submission at Manila.

PARLIAMENTARY.

PARIS, April 18th.
The Senate and Chamber have adjourned till the 18th May.

(Special to Koko Chronicle.)

THE EASTERN CRISIS.

ATHENS, April 17th.
The six Powers acting in concert have agreed to maintain the integrity of Turkey and prevent Greece from annexing Crete. The Greek army still occupies the island, and the blockade of Cretan ports is strictly enforced.

The Powers have disagreed upon the proposal to blockade Greek ports.

Great excitement prevails in Athens, and the outbreak of hostilities between Greece and Turkey is considered inevitable.

As it is feared the war will involve serious complications in the East, however, the Powers are doing their utmost to prevent a collision.

[The above has been received by the Government from Mr. Kurido, the Japanese Minister to Rome, who is now at Athens.—ED. A.C.]

THE NEW UNITED STATES MINISTER TO JAPAN.

TOKYO, April 18th.
Mr. Hoshi, the Minister to Washington, has telegraphed that Mr. Alfred E. Bick, a prominent Republican of the State of Georgia, has been nominated Minister to Japan. It is expected the Senate will shortly approve the nomination.

(Translated by the "Koko Chronicle" from Japanese papers.)

THE HAWAIIAN DIFFICULTY.

TOKYO, April 18th.
It is reported that the Government considers the action of the Hawaiian Government in refusing permission for the landing of emigrants to be a breach of the Treaty, and has decided to enter upon negotiations with a view to insist upon the observance of Treaty stipulations.

It is expected that a detailed report from Mr. Shimamura, the Japanese Minister at Honolulu, will be received about the 20th inst., and the Japanese demands will thereupon be communicated to the Hawaiian Government.

At the request of the Foreign Minister, the Naval Department has decided to dispatch two men-of-war to Hawaii. It is expected that one will be the *Hyak*.

[It is reported in some quarters that the *Hyak* is merely going on a training cruise, with cadets, to America and Hawaii, and is not intended to reach Honolulu before August. The *Hyak* is an old vessel of 2,284 tons, described as a composite iron-belted corvette, with 17 guns.—ED. A.C.]

The Foreign Minister received on Thursday a report on the Hawaiian matter from Mr. Shimamura, the Japanese Minister at Honolulu. Negotiations will shortly be opened, and a man-of-war will be at once dispatched to the Hawaiian Islands.

TOKYO, April 18th.
Captain Ueyemura and five officers of the cruiser *Hyak*, which is to be dispatched to Honolulu, were given an audience by the Emperor at 10.30 this morning.

Margus Salgo was summoned to the Palace by the Emperor this afternoon, probably in connection with the dispatch of a man-of-war to Hawaii.

The *Yiji Shimpo* states that, according to the report received by the Government on the Hawaiian incident, the refusal of the Hawaiian Government to permit landing arose out of the intelligence of the emigration companies to take the necessary steps as to giving notice, &c.

But the dismissal of the appeal of the emigrants by the Hawaiian Court is a distinct ignoring of the rights of Japanese and forms a breach of the Treaty. It is believed that the Government will send a man-of-war to Honolulu and lodge a strong protest with the Hawaiian Government.

TOKYO, April 20th.
The dispatch of a man-of-war to Honolulu has been decided on. One vessel will be sent, and the instructions to Mr. Shimamura, the Japanese Minister at Honolulu, will be taken by

the man-of-war. The departure of the *Hyak* has nothing to do with the trouble.

The departure of a batch of 400 labourers engaged by the Tokio Emigration Co., who were to leave Yokohama by the *Hizusan maru*, has been prohibited by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. It is believed that the departure of labourers under contract will still be permitted. The report from Mr. Shimamura, the Minister at Honolulu, states that the contracted labourers were refused permission to land because they did not take the necessary steps, and the free labourers because it was believed the money which it is necessary to be in possession of before landing can be permitted, and which emigrants showed, was not their own. Mr. Shimamura recommended that an investigation into the matter should be made by the Government.

LATER.
H.I.M. cruiser, *Yoshino-kaw*, which returned to Yokosuka from Manila yesterday, is to be despatched to Hawaii forthwith.

THE PLAGUE.

At 5.30 this afternoon a *Gazette Extraordinary* was issued. It contains a proclamation published in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 5 of 1895 prohibiting from this date and until further notice the immigration or importation into this Colony of all Chinese from Swatow and the Island of Formosa owing to the prevalence of plague in Swatow and in Formosa.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PLAGUE is said to be prevalent in Swatow and in Formosa.

H.M.S. *Daphne* is now en route from Manila to Hongkong.

Mr. KATO, the Japanese Consul at Chungking, has been recalled.

Mr. JOHN COOPER has resigned his seat on the Shanghai Municipal Council.

A CHINESE syndicate has obtained permission from Chang Chih Tung to establish a match and candle factory at Hankow.

In the official trial trips of the Japanese battleships *Fujiyama* and *Yashima* the speed developed was 18½ knots and 16½ knots respectively.

C. F. BARNES, England's one-mile cycling champion, has beaten the Belgian champion by a length. The result seems to have been unexpected.

COLONEL GORDON, Commandant of the West Yorkshire Regiment, arrived to-day by the P. & O. steamer *Thames* from Shanghai, where he has been inspecting the local Volunteers.

THUS the *Yap* in Mail of 12th April.—It seems that neither Steinlin nor Mackenzie is dead after all! Are all these players destined to read their own obituary notices? *Abili omni!*

At a Committee meeting of the Shanghai Rowing Club last week Mr. J. C. Bois was elected Captain; Mr. C. E. V. Birt, Hon. Treasurer; and Mr. Haynemann, Hon. Secretary.

TELEGRAPHIC communication with Sandakan has been established as far as Singal beyond Tamol, on the Kinabatangan, and it is believed that the line will be in working order 50 miles further on in a few weeks.

THE annual general meeting of Hall & Hollis, Ltd., was held at Shanghai on the 14th inst. The accounts were passed and Mr. William Hayward was elected a director in the place of Mr. W. H. Short, deceased.

THE annual meeting of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce will be held in the Chamber's Room, City Hall, on the 28th inst., at 3 p.m. The Shanghai Chamber will hold its annual meeting on Monday, the 26th inst., at 3 p.m.

THE *Yap* Mail says:—Mr. J. R. Longford, stilling as a Master in Lunacy, has ordered Mr. Arthur Norman, late Editor of the *Nagasaki Kitting Sun* and *Express*, to be confined in the Lunatic Asylum in Hongkong. Mr. Norman arrived here to-day.

DURING the voyage of the steamer *Thames*, which arrived yesterday from Shanghai, there were two deaths among the Chinese passengers, and the *Empress of India* also reports the death of a Chinaman. In no cases was death attributable to an infectious disease.

THE Japanese Cotton-Spinning Factories' Union has compiled returns showing that the reserves accumulated by the 53 companies forming the Union during the latter half of last year aggregated 611,311 yen; the net profits 2,379,508 yen, and the dividends 1,175,598 yen.

THE Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart informs us that the meeting of the Diamond Jubilee Celebration Committee convened for 4 o'clock this afternoon was unavoidably postponed. It is hoped that the proposed meeting will be held at an early date, of which due notice will be given.

THE Japanese Official *Gazette* announces that Mr. Higami Shimakichi, the captain of the steamer *Tokutsu Maru* (287 tons register), which collided with the British steamer *Balmoral* at Nagasaki on the 26th December last, had his certificate suspended on the 22nd ult. for three months by the Nagasaki Marine Court.

THE advertisement published with this issue calling attention to the new and enlarged and handsomely bound edition of Webster's Dictionary should interest merchants, school teachers and students of all nationalities. There has been a great demand for this useful work in Japan and throughout the United States and, as the supply is running short, we cannot hold out any prospect of being able to supply it at the nominal price of \$5 per copy for an indefinite period. Our arrangements with the publishers have been made with a view to meeting the requirements of Hongkong and the southern coast ports of China only, and, as such business is conducted on a cash basis, and the publishers look for small profits and quick returns, we are bound to effect sales as quickly as possible and raise the price (on cover losses) on whatever are left on our hands at the expiration of the time allowed for the disposal of the consignment now offered for sale.

AN ordinary teaman of the ship *Charon* *Watana* was remanded till to-morrow morning at the Magistracy for assaulting the mate.

A SPECIAL Session of the Justices of the Peace was held at the Magistracy this afternoon to consider the transfer of the publican's license held by F. J. F. Bedford, of the Western Hotel, to David Magaznik. The transfer was granted.

MR. SPENCER, the aeronaut, made a balloon ascent and parachute descent at Canton yesterday in the presence of the Viceroy and a large crowd. He went up to a height of 1,500 ft. and alighted in a small pond without injury, but his balloon was damaged a little.

DURING Easter week the Church at the Salitors' Home has been very tastefully decorated by the ladies interested in the institution, aided by several of the seamen living in the Home. On Easter Sunday the Rev. Mr. Illia conducted the services and had large and interested congregations.

A NAGASAKI paper steamer—It is said the O.S. K. is negotiating for the charter of five steamers of over 2,000 tons each for immediate service on the newly subsidised Formosa line. First-class fare from Kobe to Kelung is fixed at 19 yen by the steamers now running; freight is charged 1 yen per ton, except some specified goods which go at 6 yen.

The following telegram has been received by Messrs J. H. D. Humphreys and Son from Mount McDonnell:—The Eureka Mine. Result of second mill test:—160 tons, 158 ounces gold. Conditions and prospects of the working are most encouraging. Queen of the Mount mine, shall sink. Work being done by contract; 200 feet.

We read in a Japan contemporary that the *Marikita's* correspondent in Seoul declares that the Russo-Japanese Convention has estranged the sympathies of the Koreans from both those Governments, and under the influence of Mr. Consul-General Jordan the popular mind is turning more and more to Great Britain. "Could," adds the correspondent, "Sir Claude MacDonald spend two or three months in Seoul, British influence would be supreme."

A NOTIFICATION of the Department of Communications was issued at Tokyo on the 9th instant to the effect that the railway rates on newspapers and magazines sent in bulk will, from 1st June, be 1 penny per catty without regard to distance, the minimum rate being 5 yen, and the minimum weight 1 catty. The Imperial Chinese Postal authorities should note this and adopt a similar policy as regards foreign and native journals published in Hongkong and the treaty ports.

The Supplementary Naval Estimate for 1897-1898, to which the House of Commons readily agreed on 26th March, brings up the total cost of the navy for the present financial year to the sum of £22,130,000. That is an enormous figure, and not very far short of double what the navy was costing the country fifteen or twenty years ago. It is, however, as the *London and China Express* writes, "a fact that there is not an item of our public expenditure which the country, as a whole, grudges less."

A PLEASANT picnic was given yesterday by the Seamen's Mission to some 240 children and sailors. Three launches were chartered to take the party to Little Hongkong, where a landing was made. The chaplain (Rev. Mr. Hille) and other gentlemen arranged a programme of sports, which were keenly contested and some prizes, donated by friends, were presented to the various successful competitors. The day passed most enjoyably and there was no lack of good fare for all. The mission is to be again complimented on the kind and thoughtfulness with which it seeks to make pleasant the lot of poor Jack when ashore.

It is stated by a Chinese correspondent, writing from Tientsin, that the Tsong-ti Yamen has yielded to the representations of the Russian Legation on the necessity of putting up a separate telegraph wire between Tientsin and Hainan, to be used only by the Russian railway construction staff. It is said that the Chinese Government, while it is not opposed to the construction of the railway, and that both lines will be only used for work in connection with the construction of the railway, and, more curious still, that they will be taken down again as soon as the railway is finished.

The employees of the Talkoo Sugar Refinery with a number of friends, assembled in the Club room at Quarry Bay on Saturday and two very pleasing little ceremonies took place. Mr. McDonald presided and, on behalf of the employees, presented Mr. R. Berwick with a very handsome gold Albert and appendage, on the occasion of his going home on a well-earned holiday. Mr. W. Hardwick, who is about to join the ranks of the Benedictines, was also presented with a massive silver tea service. The employees then returned thanks in feeling terms and afterwards a number of songs were sung, the following gentlemen greatly obliging:—Messrs. Dickson, Grimshaw, Waddell, Rutherford, Ireland, Behrens and Curley. Two violin solos were played by Mr. Wilson and greatly added to the evening's enjoyment. Mr. Lockhead having called for a vote of thanks to the chairman, and Mr. Hughes for playing the accompaniments, "And Long Live" brought the proceedings to a thoroughly harmonious close.

The Korean Embassy which left Nagasaki by the *Saragani* on the 18th April proceeds to Odessa, thence to St. Petersburg and then on via Berlin and Paris, to London, says the *Nagasaki Express*, which adds:—Mrs. Waecher's departure on the same steamer is purely a coincidence of chance, and not of diplomacy as some of the wiseracres have surmised. Unmistakably her departure weakens the Russian Minister's grip on affairs in Seoul, as she is really a potent factor in Russian diplomacy at that capital—some say a more important one than even her husband. However that may be, she is now going home to see her son, and will probably never return to the East, as Mr. Waecher has been appointed Minister to Mexico, and will leave Korea when Baron Rosen's arrival in Tokyo permits M. Speyer to relieve Mr. Waecher in Seoul. The worries of the past few years, and especially the last few months, when she and her husband practically held the King a captive in the Russian Legation, have left their traces on the comeliness of this very attractive and highly accomplished lady.

DISGRACEFUL CONDUCT OF CHINESE AT HANGCHOW.

A SILENT VILLAGER TOTALLY DESTROYED. A short time since a contributor sent us an account of his trip to the new treaty ports of Hangchow, Ningbo, and Soochow, in which he mentioned visiting a Silk Filature at Dongli. Our Hangchow correspondent, writing on the 18th instant, gives the following information with regard to the destruction of this place:—Hangchow, the foreign-style steam station at Dongli, six miles distant from the Settlement at Hangchow, on the direct route to Shanghai, was on Sunday night, at 10 p.m., attacked by a mob of three thousand natives, looted, machinery broken up, and the building set on fire. No reason is known for the outrage, as the natives have hitherto been peaceably disposed, and it is not thought that they were afraid that the high smoke stack, which is approaching the inclination of the leaning tower of Pisa, might fall and crush in their dwellings and cause loss of life. Several prominent Hangchow families are shareholders in the enterprise, but no foreigner was known to be in charge of the working of any department.—*Mercury*.

SIR CLAUDE MACDONALD AND THE CHINA ASSOCIATION.

INTERESTING CEREMONY IN THE CITY HALL.

At a special meeting of the Committee of the China Association, held today in the Chamber of Commerce Room, City Hall, the following address was presented to Sir Claude MacDonald:—

To His Excellency
SIR CLAUDE MAXWELL MACDONALD, K.C.M.G.,
Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and
Minister Plenipotentiary to China.

Your Excellency—The members of the Hongkong Branch of the China Association desire to avail themselves of the opportunity afforded by your passage through Hongkong to offer you their most hearty thanks for your exertions in obtaining from the Tungli Yamen the very explicit and very satisfactory declaration as to the rights of British subjects to convey goods under Transit Passes into and from the interior of China, recently made public in the proclamations of the provincial authorities of the Kwangtung and Kwangsi provinces, and to congratulate you on having brought to a successful conclusion the long protracted negotiations for the opening of the West River, and for having completed and signed the Convention, now awaiting ratification, embodying that among other valuable concessions.

They have also to express their gratification at finding that Your Excellency approves of and is giving effect to the suggestion to frequently made in the past by the British communities in China, that Her Majesty's Minister should occasionally visit the Treaty Ports and hear, see, and investigate for himself, and the members of the Association most earnestly hope that this may not be the last time they shall see you in Hongkong on your way to and from the southern ports, but that it is only the first of a regular series of visits to be made periodically by yourself and your successors at Peking.

It is of happy augury that Your Excellency has in the first year of your residence in China brought to a successful issue so many questions of importance so long under consideration, and the members of the Association feel assured that the result of your exertions in opening up the trade of South China will be as satisfactory to the mercantile and trading community as it must be to Her Majesty's Government.

If the Association may be permitted to add to their congratulations and good wishes one word of suggestion it will be to submit for Your Excellency's consideration that until some arrangements have been made for the immediate investigation on the spot of all disputes and difficulties that may arise in connection with the West River trade, either by the establishment of mixed tribunals or otherwise, and for speedy settlement of all claims locally, the trade cannot be conducted as smoothly and as profitably as it ought to be, and will fall to extend in anything like due proportion to the extent of country nominally opened up.

Wishing Your Excellency every prosperity, we remain,
Your Excellency's most obedient
humble servants,
J. J. FRANCIS (Chairman),
J. P. BELL-IRVING
J. CHATER
THOMAS JACKSON
T. H. WHITEHEAD
HARBERT SMITH
E. W. MITCHELL
and nearly all the Members.

PUNJOM MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

An extraordinary meeting of shareholders in the above Company was held at 11 a.m. today at the offices of the Company, 9 Praya Central. Mr. D. Gillies presided and there were also present Messrs W. R. Loxley, J. H. Lewis and C. A. Tomes (directors), T. Blamey (manager), G. B. Duncan (secretary), D. Warren Smith, G. C. Cox, G. Murray Bain, P. W. Kowal, O. Vonderkylde, W. A. Duff, T. F. Hough, H. Rutledge, J. S. Hagen, F. de Grace, W. Parlane, Wong Wing, M. B. Polshaw, G. H. Dharma, C. Schwenne, S. A. Joseph, D. S. Silva, E. C. George, Capalins Wylie, R.N., and Tillett.

The Chairman said, before addressing the meeting on its object, he would ask Mr. Blamey to read his report. He was sorry the report had not been circulated earlier. It was intended to put it out on Friday, but he heard that it had not yet reached some of the shareholders. Mr. Blamey then read his report, which he said was made at the request of the directors. The report, which pressed of space compelled us to hold over, dealt exhaustively with the matter of expenditure at the mine. He said he had taken the expenses of the month of January as a basis for work upon. The January expenses were £1,699 and he had found that on the mine the European staff cost £1,100, and by reducing the European staff to a fewer number he would not all impair the efficiency of the working. As regards the revenue he thought an average of £15,000 worth of gold could be maintained during the next three months. He then quoted cases of mines now paying well in Australia, that at one time were given up as non-paying and said he could see no reason to despair of getting gold in good quantities from the mine. In conclusion he said:—I have but little to say, however, further than that having always looked upon the mine as having a great future before it, I pursued a policy of prospecting wherever there was a chance of success, improving and adding to the plant where practicable, and endeavouring to see that at the end of each month everything was in a better state of repair and in better working order than was the case at the end of the month preceding (in Applause).

In reply to Captain Tillett, Mr. Blamey said that up to last November the fields had been good to the end of the month and there was no sign of a serious falling-off; they were working a foot above the level, which gave more gold than he expected. Shareholders had to consider that in a place like Punjom, where once they got labour it should be kept, as the moment the men were discharged they left the district, and the officers went on his proposal to find something for the men to do instead of sending them away.

The Chairman—So far as I can judge, the report of Mr. Blamey gives us a very fair idea of the present state of affairs at the mine; the information is perhaps somewhat vague and indefinite, leaving us very much in the position of waiting for something to turn up. At the same time you all know that gold mining is one of the most speculative ventures that any man can engage in, being most frequently accompanied with the greatest disappointment, uncertainty, and failure. So far the inventive mind of the scientist has failed to provide us with any hard and fast laws for prospecting and following the true course of the gold-bearing rock, thus leaving the course to follow on the lode entirely to the judgment and experience of the miner. Certainly there are many indications met with daily in the workings which to the eye of the expert miner convey much reliable information regarding the lode and its ground, but unfortunately these signs are not always reliable, and often lead us away from the lode we are making every effort to discover. No one is more competent to give a trustworthy opinion on the mine than Mr. Blamey, who has been our resident manager for over five years, so that the whole formation of the country rock, the lode and dip of the lode, and almost every foot of the drives and crosscuts he has come under his careful observation, giving him a hand of knowledge and experience which will qualify him to give us the information we so much desire as to our future hopes at Punjom.

After reading the report very carefully, I am of the opinion that, notwithstanding the uncertainty that exists with regard to future developments, there is still some evidence of a hopeful future which fully warrants the shareholders in making another effort to keep the mine going. We never were in a better position than we are today, and with the strictest regard to economy, combined with efficiency in the management, I trust that the good future which we have struggled so long and so patiently to obtain will before many months be realized. There was another matter, he said, he wished to re-appoint shareholders with Mr. Diley, a mining expert from America, to run a large and wealthy syndicate, had come to China and Korea to investigate for the investment of capital in gold mining. He had completed his enquiries in the north of China and Korea and had now gone to the Malay Peninsula with a letter of introduction to the mine manager at Punjom. His object is to report on the country rock there and ascertain as far as possible the richness of the ore and the probability of finding payable stone. Mr. Diley said he had heard a great deal about the Punjom and he had an idea that, if the investigation should be as favourable as was expected, representations would be made to the syndicate who he thought would be prepared to invest a considerable sum for the mine. What the offer would be he was unable to say at present. He thought, in the present position of the company, they would not be inclined to accept any offer but a good one. (Hear, hear.) Mr. Diley left here about two weeks ago and intended spending a month at the mine, so they might expect his report about six weeks. He then read a telegram received on Monday announcing the finding of a pocket of 131 oz. of gold to the east of the stope in the intermediate level, and stating that they had begun to sink a shaft. This telegram they thought a very important one and it had meant a very important find to the company as it came from the northward. Had it come from the southward there was a chance of rock that might possibly hold much gold. The find was a very hopeful thing for the company, and its position indicated the probability of a large amount of rich rock in the neighbourhood. He then invited any shareholders who so desired to ask Mr. Blamey or himself questions.

Captain Tillett said many shareholders were dissatisfied regarding the work of the mine. It had come on for five years and they found the present result. The company was almost landed in bankruptcy and still hopes were held out that something would turn up. Mr. Blamey said he invited criticism on his report to the last meeting of directors. There were statements made there that he should very much like to reply to. (Hear, hear.)

The Chairman said they would be pleased to hear Mr. Blamey reply to criticism, as whatever he said would be to the best interest of the company. Mr. Blamey then made explanations regarding his previous report. In 1895 they had no cyanide or calcining works and as they had them now erected and working this largely added to the expenses. He went into detail regarding the treatment of concentrates and tailings and said that by the present treatment of tailings they could get 2 dwts. to the ton. It did not cost one penny more than ever and the only cost was that of carrying the tailings 30 ft. to the mill. As to the dividend, it had been said there was no information as to the office that the gold had become poorer. When writing the November report he said the quality had fallen off in several points, but if a change did not take place the output would show a considerable decrease. Attending to the tailings and cost of treatment he said they gave 2 dwts. to the ton and the gold from the mine only gave 3 dwts. and the tailings at that rate gave a better profit than the mine.

Mr. George asked how the labour expense was reduced. Mr. Blamey read a detailed list of wages, &c., that he proposed to pay by £20,000, and he gave further details as to the numbers of Europeans and Europeans at the mine and off in the country. The Chairman said the Board had given attention to the letter re the falling-off of the gold yield, but the November return (£23,000) was a favourable one on the average. Had Mr. Blamey's information been more definite the Board would have reconsidered the matter and paid a dividend. He next spoke on the subject of increasing the capital of the company. He had his own views on the matter and he asked shareholders to put forward any suggestions for the purpose. It was a very difficult matter now for some to meet their calls and some schemes should be adopted that would be the least burdensome and most effective.

Captain Tillett said the shareholders had not had time to consider the matter. The Board should formulate some scheme. The Chairman said there was one proposal to raise the capital by the issue of 20,000 of 10s. shares at £1 each, like the present ones. It would be an easy and simple way of getting the money, but he thought it would not succeed. If the shares were not taken up they would be in a worse position than before. He thought it best to reconstruct the company and issue 60,000 shares at 5s. giving shareholders new shares to the value of £5, and leaving £5 to be called up as the directors thought necessary.

Mr. George said he agreed with the proposal, but he wished to know what provision was made for preferential shares. The Chairman replied that the preferential shareholders had to consent before the company could be re-constructed. The cost of reconstruction should not exceed £500.

Mr. Blamey, replying to Mr. S. A. Joseph, said the pocket of gold he had no doubt, was a lot of specimens picked up when breaking down the stone in the stope.

Mr. Hough, speaking of the scheme for reconstruction said there would be a lot of dissatisfaction among preferential shareholders if they were suddenly to have their shares taken away after holding on to them for years.

Mr. George said he thought that, as the preferential shareholders had to contribute towards the cost of the reconstruction, they should have the same status as before.

The Chairman said he feared no difficulty as the preferential shareholders would be better off at present, and they were not likely to object to the scheme.

After further discussion the Chairman moved, "That the company be reconstructed and that the new company take over the shares of the old including the preferential shares and that 30,000 of new scrip be issued of face value of 5s. 6d. being paid up and 5s. to be paid in calls and 5s. on allotment."

Mr. George seconded.
Mr. Warren Smith said if this were adopted the preferential shareholders would only be one-sixth of the Company instead of one-fourth as at present.
Mr. Diley proposed an adjournment until Saturday.

The Chairman said the scheme was not blocking as it would have to go before another meeting.
Captain Tillett supported Mr. Blamey's view regarding an adjournment, and on going to the vote it was decided to continue the meeting.
Mr. Hough suggested that the scheme for increasing the capital be left to the directors.
The Chairman said he was the only director in favour of reconstruction and it would cause him to leave the Board (No, No). He was convinced that the money could not be raised except by new shares.
After a good deal of desultory discussion the scheme proposed by the Chairman was adopted.

THE IMPERIAL CHINESE BANK.

SHANGHAI, April 14th.
The public will not be surprised to learn that the progress of the New Imperial Chinese Bank is already threatened by mandarin influences, and a desire on the part of the higher authorities to annex as much of the estimated profits as they possibly can. It is reported in native circles that the Tungli Yamen and the Board of Revenue are both very much opposed to some of the regulations of the Imperial Chinese Bank, particularly against Article IX. It will be well to refresh the minds of our readers as to what the clause in question is. Article IX. reads:—"This Bank shall follow the Western custom that at every six months an account of the general business is to be rendered. After a dividend of eight per cent. per annum has been paid to the shareholders any balance remaining shall be considered as profit. Out of this profit the Directors will decide how much is to be set aside as Reserve Fund and how much is to be allowed as bonus for the Directors, Managers, and officials. The balance then on hand will be divided into 8 parts to be paid to shareholders as extra dividend and 2 parts to the Government as royalty for the permission granted to the Bank for issuing bank notes, minting coins; for having all Government funds and business passed through Bank, and for their protection and general support. After the Reserve Fund has accumulated to the sum of 500,000 it shall be decided by the Directors as to whether or not the setting aside of reserve funds should be discontinued." The Peking Government now seems to claim from the Bank more than the two parts of the profits above-mentioned as royalty for the permission granted to the Bank, and for the deposit of Government funds and the other privileges enumerated in our article of March 29th. It is reported by one native paper that the Government wants its share of the profits increased to as much as five per cent.—*China Gazette*.

SPORTS & PASTIMES.

LAWN TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

RESULTS OF SECOND TIES.

CHAMPIONSHIP.

Platt beat Cox.
Ballard beat Potts.
Gibson beat Anderson.

DOUBLE HANDICAP.

Grayson and Langhorne beat Kober and Cox.
Mallinson and Humphreys beat Lammett and Skelton.

FAIRIE AND CAY BEAT KNOX AND HAZELAND.

Ballard and Slade beat Anton and Millward.
Mobbly beat Langhorne.

FAIRIE BEAT MILLWARD.

Cox walk over.
Bertram walk over.

"A" WALK SINGLE HANDICAP.

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Wellman beat Moss.

WOOD BEAT HOOPER.

PROFESSIONAL PAIRS.

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T. S. Smith beat Hastings.

POLO.

The match last evening between the West Yorks and the Hongkong Polo Club resulted in a win for the military men by two goals to nil. One of the goals was made by Mr. Landale in error. The West Yorks played with splendid combination, a quality the Club team badly lacked. Mr. May was not in his usual form and Mr. Landale, who is just from England, has had no practice for 15 months. In the winning team the play of Mr. Wood was particularly smart. The teams were as follows:—*West Yorks*: Mr. Tew, Mr. Wood, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Gordon, *Hongkong Polo Club*: Mr. Crough, H.K.R., Mr. Landale, Mr. May and Hon. T. H. Whitehead.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The following are the results of the successful meeting which ended yesterday with Mr. Lammett's victory in the 500 and 600 yards event:—

1.—Queen's 1st Stage.—Distance 200 yards.

Members only. No. of Shots Seven. Entrance 50 cents. Three prizes value 70 per cent. of the entries with 5s added presented by the *Hongkong Daily Press*.

Position Standing or Kneeling.

Mr. W. Stewart 31
Mr. E. C. Shepherd 30
Sergeant Hamilton 30

2.—Martini-Henry Carbine Competition.—400 yards.

Members only. No. of Shots Seven. Entrance 50 cents. Three prizes value 70 per cent. of the entries with 5s added presented by the *Hongkong Daily Press*.

Mr. G. P. Lammett 30
Mr. E. C. Shepherd 29
Mr. G. P. Lammett 29

3.—Association.—500 yards. Members only.

No. of Shots Seven. Entrance 50 cents. Three prizes value 70 per cent. of the entries.

Mr. G. P. Lammett 34
Mr. E. C. Shepherd 34
C.P.O. Buck 33

4.—Ladies' Competition.—Open to Ladies.

Members or their Nominees. Distance 300 yards. No. of Shots Seven. No Entrance fee; prizes presented.

Mr. W. Stewart 31
Mr. E. C. Shepherd 30
Sergeant Hamilton 30

5.—Martini-Henry Carbine Competition.—400 yards.

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Mr. G. P. Lammett 30
Mr. E. C. Shepherd 29
Mr. G. P. Lammett 29

6.—Association.—500 yards. Members only.

No. of Shots Seven. Entrance 50 cents. Three prizes value 70 per cent. of the entries.

Mr. G. P. Lammett 34
Mr. E. C. Shepherd 34
C.P.O. Buck 33

7.—Martini-Henry Carbine Competition.—400 yards.

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Mr. G. P. Lammett 30
Mr. E. C. Shepherd 29
Mr. G. P. Lammett 29

8.—Association.—500 yards. Members only.

No. of Shots Seven. Entrance 50 cents. Three prizes value 70 per cent. of the entries.

Mr. G. P. Lammett 34
Mr. E. C. Shepherd 34
C.P.O. Buck 33

9.—Martini-Henry Carbine Competition.—400 yards.

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Mr. G. P. Lammett 30
Mr. E. C. Shepherd 29
Mr. G. P. Lammett 29

10.—Association.—500 yards. Members only.

No. of Shots Seven. Entrance 50 cents. Three prizes value 70 per cent. of the entries.

Mr. G. P. Lammett 34
Mr. E. C. Shepherd 34
C.P.O. Buck 33

6.—Martini-Henry Carbine Competition.—400 yards. Members only. No. of Shots Seven. Entrance 50 cents. Three prizes value 70 per cent. of the entries with 5s added presented by Hon. E. R. Bellios, C.M.G.
Mr. D. G. Stewart 33
Mr. E. C. Shepherd 31
Mr. W. W. Dyer 30

7.—Association.—500 yards. Members only.

No. of Shots Seven. Entrance 50 cents. Three prizes value 70 per cent. of the entries.

Mr. G. P. Lammett 35
Mr. G. P. Lammett 35
Sergeant Bowers 34

8.—Queen's 1st Stage.—Distance 500 yards.

Members only. No. of Shots Ten. Entrance 50 cents. Three prizes value 70 per cent. of the entries with 5s added presented by Hon. Commander R. M. Ramsey, R.N.

Martini-Henry Rifles allowed 2 points.

Mr. E. C. Shepherd 49
Mr. W. Stewart 47
Mr. G. P. Lammett 47

9.—Queen's 1st Stage.—Distance 500 yards.

Members only. No. of Shots Seven. Entrance 50 cents. Three prizes value 70 per cent. of the entries with 5s added presented by Hon. Commander R. M. Ramsey, R.N.

Martini-Henry Rifles allowed 3 points.

Mr. G. P. Lammett 31
Mr. W. Stewart 31
Sergeant Hamilton, W.Y.R. 27

10.—Queen's 1st Stage.—Distance 500 yards.

Members only. No. of Shots Seven. Entrance 50 cents. Three prizes value 70 per cent. of the entries with 5s added presented by Hon. Commander R. M. Ramsey, R.N.

Martini-Henry Rifles allowed 3 points.

Mr. G. P. Lammett 31
Mr. W. Stewart 31
Sergeant Hamilton, W.Y.R. 27

11.—Queen's 1st Stage.—Distance 500 yards.

Members only. No. of Shots Seven. Entrance 50 cents. Three prizes value 70 per cent. of the entries with 5s added presented by Hon. Commander R. M. Ramsey, R.N.

Martini-Henry Rifles allowed 3 points.

Mr. G. P. Lammett 31
Mr. W. Stewart 31
Sergeant Hamilton, W.Y.R. 27

12.—Association.—500 yards. Members only.

No. of Shots Seven. Entrance 50 cents. Three prizes value 70 per cent. of the entries.

Mr. E. C. Shepherd 32
C.P.O. Buck 32
P.O. Walton 28

13.—Queen's 1st Stage.—Distance 500 yards.

Members only. No. of Shots Ten. Entrance 50 cents. Three prizes value 70 per cent. of the entries with 5s added presented by G. H. Potts, Esq.

Martini-Henry Rifles allowed 3 points.

Mr. G. P. Lammett 48
Mr. W. Stewart 45
Mr. W. McPhail 44

14.—Queen's 1st Stage.—Distance 500 yards.

Members only. No. of Shots Ten. Entrance 50 cents. Three prizes value 70 per cent. of the entries with 5s added presented by G. H. Potts, Esq.

Martini-Henry Rifles allowed 3 points.

Mr. G. P. Lammett 46
Mr. W. Stewart 45
P.O. Walton 45

15.—Martini-Henry Carbine Competition.—400 yards.

Members only. No. of Shots Seven. Entrance 50 cents. Three prizes value 70 per cent. of the entries with 5s added presented by G. H. Potts, Esq.

Martini-Henry Rifles allowed 3 points.

Mr. G. P. Lammett 32
Mr. W. Stewart 31
Mr. G. P. Lammett 31

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Hongkong, 3rd April, 1897.

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Captain B. Branch, will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 24th instant, at 4 P.M.
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Hongkong, 19th April, 1897.

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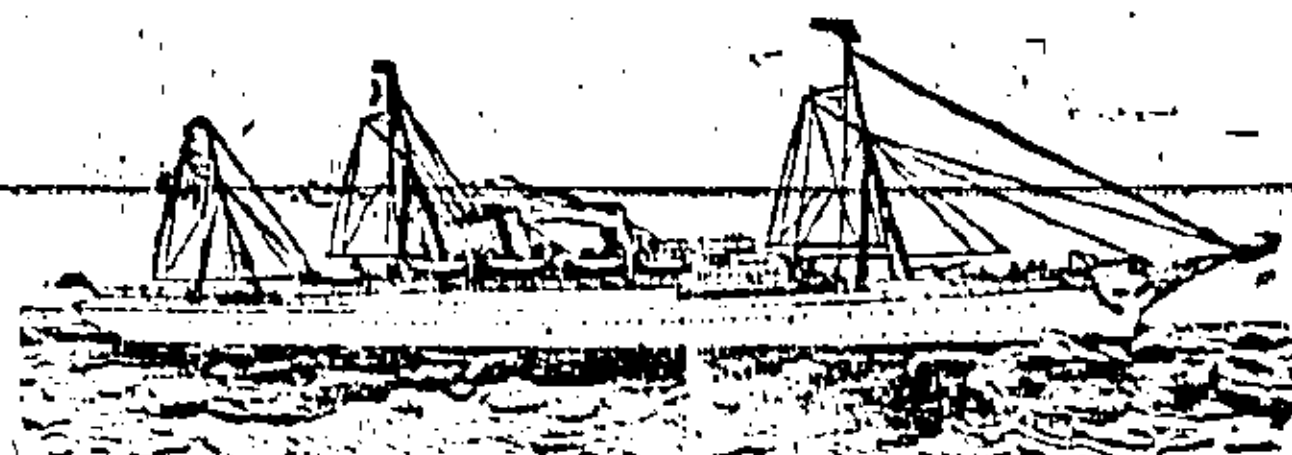
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Hongkong, 4th February, 1897.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG:

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Coptic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ... Tuesday, 11th May, at Noon.

Galle (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ... Saturday, 29th May, at Noon.

THE Company's Steamship

"BELGIC."

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA AND HONOLULU, on THURSDAY, the 22nd April, 1897, at Noon.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

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Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. This allowance does not apply to through fares for China and Japan to Europe.

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 1st April, 1897.

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Hongkong, 16th May, 1897.

Mails.

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AMERICAN PORTS.)

THE Steamship

"THAMES."

Captain W. J. Nantess, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., on THURSDAY, the 22nd April, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports. Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 8th April, 1897.

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(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Mount Lebanon, 12.40 Sunday ... 1st April.

Patnam, 12.70 Tuesday ... 1st May.

Tacoma, 12.50 Tuesday ... 1st May.

Victoria, 12.10 Tuesday ... 1st June.

Olympia, 12.60 Tuesday ... 1st July.

Patnam, 12.70 Tuesday ... 1st July.

Tacoma, 12.50 Tuesday ... 1st July.

THE Steamship

"MOUNT LEBANON."

sailing at Noon, on SUNDAY, the 25th April, will proceed to VICTORIA (B.C.) & TACOMA (Wash.), via KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued for Japan, Pacific Coast Ports, and to Canadian and United States Ports.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Ports should be in quadruplicate; and one copy must be sent forward by the steamer to the care of the Freight Agent, Northern Pacific Railroad, Tacoma, Wash.

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M. on the day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1897.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA,

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TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE. N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Bayern, 12.40 Tuesday ... 12th April.

Prins Heinrich, 12.50 Tuesday ... 15th May.

Prinzess, 12.50 Tuesday ... 22nd June.

Sachsen, 12.50 Tuesday ... 20th July.

Bayern, 12.40 Tuesday ... 17th Aug.

Prins Heinrich, 12.50 Tuesday ... 14th Sept.

Prinzess, 12.50 Tuesday ... 12th Oct.

Sachsen, 12.50 Tuesday ... 9th Nov.

Bayern, 12.40 Tuesday ... 7th Dec.

Prins Heinrich, 12.50 Tuesday ... 4th Jan.

ON TUESDAY, the 27th day of April, 1897, at 9 A.M. the Company's Steamship "BAYERN," Captain R. Helms, with MAILED PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON on SATURDAY, the 24th April. Cargo and Specie will be received on board until 5 P.M. on MONDAY the 26th April, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON on MONDAY, the 26th April. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess. Utensils can be washed on board.

For further Particulars, apply to MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 5th April, 1897.

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